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#### A GROWING SENTIMENT AS TO CIGARETTE MANUFACTURE,

The Messenger As the fixed friend of education. Others may swerve or ignore, but The Messenger stands for the education of the people. It holds that the safety of our free institutions greatly depends upon real and generous education. "While a little learning is a dangerous thing" because it inflates does not smoke cigarettes, and thereby a youngling and makes him assume sairs and attitude of one of the omniscient tribe, a genuine education and much knowledge give power, influence and service worth much to a state. Really well informed men are not apt to be pontifical in bearing and swollen after the frog-style. They know their limitations, and they are not believers in infallibility.

The Messenger is not only the friend of education, but is always on the side of morality. It would help the farmers, it would help society, it would specially aid and inspire the youth of our state anxious for educational acquisition, striving after success, seeking to emulate the best examples before them, filled with high aspirations based upon good models and sound instruction. It would protect them in their morals and their health. Hence, it has warred mercilessly upon the disgusting foot ball rowdyism. It is now fighting the cigarette trust and its baleful effects. It has greatly injured the farmers, as we have mentioned. The testimony of the tobacco warehouse men is that it cut down the prices of the farmers not less than 25 per cent, upon the class of tobacco used by the cigarette trust. The Messenger more than once gave the statements of physicians and others as to the deleterious effects of cigarette smoking-how it greatly injured and often killed its victims.

In Wilmington almost every other boy you meet between 14 and 18 smokes cigarettes-scores of them puffing away. They do not know what they are doing-what injuries to themselves they are invoking.

In the last legislature Judge Sutton, a member from Cumberland, introduced a bill that ought to have passed. It sought to prohibit the sale and manufacture of cigarettes in this state. It fared as so many other good and needed bills have fared. It was so emasculated by amendments-so shorn of its power for good, that it was abandoned, What did it? The bold, powerful "lobby" was on hand. It was active and had the money bag.

But if defeated in 1897, it is to be hoped the fight will not be abandoned. Reforms come slowly, generally. It takes time to educate the conscience, to fill the mind with facts, to remove men's prejudices and to arouse to lurking dangers. The evil is growing, is unmistakable and must be soon or late extirpated root and branch. It will give the churches a pang of pain perhaps, and make educational institutions groan, but it is a sin against God and humanity and true philanthropists, God-honoring men,faithful citizens must unite and smite hip and thigh the Cigarette Monster

What say the northern medical writers of distinction? They have often pointed out the evils and dangers of · eigarette smoking. Are our North Carolina doctors silent? By no means. Some of the most intelligent and the amplest equipped have spoken. We are able to give some opinions, and the physicians who speak are worthy of attention, for they speak from knowledge and observation. Hear what they say:

Dr. Lyle, a very intelligent physician from Macon in the last legislature, says "that within his knowledge and obserwation there were fully twenty deaths each year directly traceable to this vicious and deadly habit. Dr. Murphy, diminishing in force and distructiveof the Western hospital for the insane at Morganton, says that boys had been sent to that institution for treatment. Dr. Hall, a Baptist minister, who formerly resided at Raleigh, said a few months ago to a gentleman, That he knew of boys in Raleigh who bad been made blind and insane from this habit, and others who had died from its effects.'

A well informed gentleman writes us that he made something of a canvass last winter in Raleigh. The result was this as he gives it:

"Every medical man, of whom I got information, resident physicians of Raleigh, and members of the legislature-of which there were quite a number, all concurred in the statement, that the cigarette was a deadly poison, from nicotine, and that the habit was fearfully on the increase. Last, but by no means least, I had a long letter from Dr. R. H. Lewis, secretary of the state board of health, in which he gave facts and figures, and much valuable and interesting data, all showing the deadly nature of this poison from cigarette smoking."

This comes from a highly respectable source, was written for our eye, and not for publication. It is too instrucgive and awakening to be kept to ourselves. It must arouse something of Proprietors, Lowell, Mass. public interest. There are no doubt The only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla. tariff gives to it?-New York World.

well qualified physicians all about the itary condition with characteristic state who could give evidence of their the cigarette habit. We would like to and it must do so until September. see the medical profession giving voice in this matter. They should be bold for the race and for the right.

A gentleman of distinction who has considered this question with unusual interest, gives this unsolicited testimony to us. Writing of what was recently said in The Messenger, he says that in his opinion cigarette smoking is a most dangerous and growing evil, which, in his opinion-based on facts he has gathered-"is more deadly than whiskey or opium or both." He is of the opinion that the authoritiesthe trustees-in charge of the high educational institutions in North Carolina, "should without delay look into this matter and banish it from their institutions."

So convinced is he of the very bad effects of the evil cited, that he would not send his boys to a denominational of other college that "was located right in the centre of the manufacture of cigarettes." Referring to a recent statement he says: "Yet, as you say in your paper, Mr. Duke, the president of the American Tobacco Company, (we may conclude) discounts his own product!!!"

We must make another clipping from a recent letter from him: "The people are moving in this matter-several states (very lately Tennessee) have banished the cigarette, prohibiting their sale or manufacture, and the time is not far distant (I believe) when North Carolina will also act."

This gentleman belongs to a Christian church, and is a friend of humanity as we all ought to be who pretend to love God and serve him. He says: "I write simply as to the moral side of what I believe to be one of the greatest and most growing evils of this age. The press ought to take hold of it. and point out this great evil to the

By the way, is it generally known gian of the day.—Exchange. that an act was passed by the legislaure some time ago-perhaps it was 1889, or it may have been 1891, that prohibited the sale or the giving away of cigarettes to minors under sixteen years of age? We wonder if this law is vigorously enforced or if it is merely a dead letter on the statute books? If we are not mistaken this act was introduced and engineered through the legislature by the Fayetteville lawyer, Judge Sutton, who succeeds our worthy townsman, Judge Oliver P. Meares.

#### THE MONTHLY MAGAZINES.

The Art Amateur for April is a decidedly up-to-date number. Beautiful as to the printer's art, copiously illustrated, excellently edited, well filled throughout, large in form and elegant in its entire "get up" we do not see room for improvement. Price \$4 a year or 35 cents a number. Published at 23 Union Square, New York city.

The National Magazine in its April issue presents interesting attractions, among them "Some Recollections of the Century" by Rev. Edward Everett Hale, one of Boston's clerical literati. It has a paper in which President Andrew Johnson figures as the hero. It is called "A President's Love Affair." There is a good portrait of the eminent North Carolinian. The National is sent for \$1 a year monthly, abundantly illustrated, and well printed, or 10c for a number. Published at 83 Newbury hide, leather and other similar trades. street, Boston, Mass.

#### SHARPS AND FLATS.

Senator Voorhees, of Indiana, whose death was announced in Sunday's Messengr made a distinguished reputation as an orator prior to the war in the John Brown affair, we think it was. He was much read and lauded at the time. We remember being in 1868 at Oxford, Miss., and his name was in the mouth of all by reason of his appearance there in a case in the court. We did not see or hear him. He bore a good reputation in the senate, in which he so long served, for oratory and ability. He was not particularly distinguished for unyielding tenacity of democratic principles always, and in 1893, was conspicuous n his advocacy of Cleveland's movement against his party. He had passed his seventieth year. He was of Ohio birth. Peace to his soul.

The latest news from India is that the famine and pestilence are gradually ness. The death rate is less. At Bombay in December last the rate was 1,400 deaths a week. It was at last report we have seen but little more than 500. The government destroyed a great deal of property at Bombay to stamp out the plague-the bubonic fever. A report says of the work at Bombay that 130 dwelling houses were condemned they were doing an all-fired smart 109 ordered rebuilt, tiles removed from 1,027, floors dug up in 492, 547 whitewashed with lime, 299 vacated, and 3 destroyed by fire. The infected quarter as this report shows, has been entirely renovated and put into a complete san-

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> Bishop Hendrix, a scholarly and able divine and author of the Southern Methodist E. church, writes a two column article on the late Dr. Charles F. Deems in The Nashville Christian Aivocate, and pays him a very high and richly deserved tribute of affection and appreciation. In the last paragraph he non. The great phrase which has a says, and we are gratified to read it life of its own and the musical stanza and to copy it concerning a Christian minister and personal friend who for nearly a quarter of a century was so in any other age. Hardly a literary closely identified with North Carolina as professor or president of its colleges, as a Christian worker of intense energy and usefulness, who gave the very prime of his physical and intellectual faculties to its service. Bishop Hendirx writes from Kansas City, Mo.,

> his home: "In paying this tribute to my early friend, one whose work belongs now to the Christian world, I rejoice that his Memoir has been given to us by such loving and competent hands, and can heartily commend it to thoughtful ministers and laymen. What an editor Dr. Deems would have made for our central organ or for our "Review"! How well he might have filled the chancellorship of our Vanderbilt university or the presidency of any of our leading colleges. He did the work which was nearest him in the fear of God, and thus served his own generation and many others by the will of God. He rests from his labors, and his works do had been in each instance repealed follow him."

#### SNAPS.

Rev. Professor Marcus Dods, D. D. recently spoke of Rev. A. B. Bruce, D. D., of Glasgow, as the ablest theolo-

Dr. Dodds, is a New Englander. He and Dr. Bruce are Presbyterians.

After all reports in northern points to the contrary in the Northern Methodist church the women delegate movement gains strength. Last year in the conferences the majority for was 395. This year it is 469 in sixteen conferences. The "old gals" will "git thar."

It is stated by Professor W. W. Goodwin, of Harvard university, (Greek chair) in his Greek Grammar, that "it is safe to say that no one could now pronounce a sentence of Greek so that it would have been intelligible to Demosthenes or Plato."

Some one reports that the great Gladstone sleeps seventeen hours a day. We do not believe he sleeps the half of it. Why, he is the busiest man of 87, in all the continents. We suspect he "sleeps with one-eye open" he is so eager to learn and to work.

So bribing or attempting to bribe members of the legislature in Kentucky is now charged upon Dr. Hunter, a candidate for the senate. Leigislative bodies stand low now in popular confidence. They are generally corrupt bodies, and often incompetent bodies.

Protests and curses against the vile McKinley-Dingley monstrosity continue. The last is from the New York We do not believe the senate will pass the devilish house bill, and that alone can save the country from great injury and the McKinley crowd from destruc-

Fairbrother's Farrago is now a week y, and a handsome one, and is issued at Danville, Va., an excellent point, for that town flourishes and has approximately 25,000 inhabitants. The Farrago is spicy, breezy, bright without platitude, and bold without buncombe. The Colonel knows how to drive a Faber.

Bismarck is a man of "iron and blood," but a man of great brains. Emperor William hates him as "the devil does holy water," and makes himself very unpopular with the Germans because of the slights he puts upon the man who built mainly the empire. The press roundly lashes him for his rudeness to the octogenarian prince on the anniversay of his last birthday.

#### POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

As we understand Mr. Hanna the Ohio elections possessed no significance except in the city of Cleveland, where the republicans managed to pull through.-Houston Post.

When McKinley Dingley gets done with this country there won't be money enough left among the natives outside of New York to buy the right to a patent washing machine.-Bristol Times. The Chicago gold democrats thought

thing when they hitched themselves onto the Wash Hesing mayoralty candidacy. They thought the thing was actually in motion.-Houston Post. Somehow the Illinois legislature is not kindly disposed toward the bill to pay each of Chicago's aldermen \$3,000 a year. The idea seems to be that

salaries, but better men.-New York Mail and Express. The country has outgrown protection ism in so many ways that its early demise is inevitable. The business interests will require a relaxation of tariff bandages. In all likelihood, the present fight between the wool growers and

what Chicago really needs is, not better

manufacturers is only the beginning of general upheaval.-Galveston News. The sugar trust has taken from the consumer in one month of McKinley's administration \$625,000 of extra profit on the mere prospect of the Dingley tariff bill becoming a law. How much will it demand when it actually gets the added protection which the Dingley

#### PUBLIC OPINION.

Sam Jones will be in Augusta May 9th.-Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle.

The democrats of Rhode Island, will, it is said, ignore the currency question in their coming state convention. The democrats of Rhode Island, at the last Millions of men have been employed election, repudiated their party, and went over to the republicans. The democrats of Virginia, all of whom, villages and the supply of drinking but about two thousand, stuck by their party, will not ignore the currency question in their next state convention, nor have the consequences of the result of last fall's election afforded them any conceivable reason for doing otherwise. -Alexandria Gazette.

The largest amount of verse produced both here and in England that is correct in form and not without a certain grace of expression and justness of thought is a remarkable phenomewhich lingers in the memory are as rare as ever, but a certain level is reached oftener than it was attained man that does not possess and exercise the talent for verse writing .-Hartford Courant.

As Sam brings with him" blasts from hell," rather than "airs from heaven," and locates Shoel near by wherever he pauses for awhile in his "going to and fro in the earth," he should time his visits more seasonably-traversing the north in summer and the south in winter. There will be a hot spell in and around Augusta about May 9th, with a lurid glare and sulphurous smells prevailing, not to speak of the more noisome odors that Sam disseminates.-Norfolk Pilot.

It it rumored that the senate will put a duty on hides. Certainly it ought to, and we heartily hope it will. For our part, if we are going to have a protective tariff at all we want one that is severely logical. Hides on the free list are as monstrous a lapse from protection consistency as free wool would be. Mr. Dingley's feeble plea that there had been a duty on hides in but three tariffs in our history, and that it will not do; why not make a fourth and defy the world to repeal it? Look at the damning figures of importation in 1896, as quoted by Mr. Hepburn and other good republicans-163,000,000 of pounds, worth \$20,000,000! How comforting that \$20,000,000 would be in the pockets of the American farmers Some cringing New England congressmen allege that most of this importation comes from "tropical countries." To this we reply, in the first place, that a logical tariff should spare neither the tropics nor the poles .-New York Evening Post.

Official returns of trade continue to show the rapid growth of exports of American manufactures of nearly every description. European trade journals and their echoes in this country have repeatedly asserted that the enormous increase of these exports was only an abnormal phenomenon, due to accidental causes, and that a reaction would soon set in. But prediction i the most gratuitous of all errors; and in the present case, as in most others. there is no sign of its fulfillment. Those persons abroad and at home who have so eagerly prophesied that the growth in the volume of manufactured exports would soon cease have overlooked the continuous progress of this trade through a series of years. As the official returns published in The Record on Monday last show, the exports of American manufactures amounted in value to \$151,023,118 in 1890; to \$158,023,118 in 1893; to \$183,595,743 in 1895, and to \$228,489,893 in 1896. For the eight months ended on February 28, 1897, the exports of manufactures amounted in value to \$174.180,920-indicating a total of \$260,000,000 of these exports for the present fiscal year, ending June 30th next. These increasing exports of manufactures largely consist of locomotives, stationary engines machinery, cycles, scientific apparatus and many other articles requiring the highest skill in production, and for which much the best wages going in the industrial world are paid.—Philadelphia Record.

#### Dying of Starvation by Hundreds.

San Francisco, April 12.-According to advices brought by the Gaelic, natives in the vicinity of Ichang, China, are dying by hundreds, of starvation. The grain crop last year was almost a total failure and as the people exchanged their maize for rice to last them through the winter, food has been scant for a long time. Supplies are now completely exhausted and the harvest of death has begun. The officials are making efforts to furnish food for the starving people by sending in rice, but the supplies they are able to contribute are so small and the number of those in direct need is so great that little good is accomplished.



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